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SUBJECT: OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL: STATEMENT ON EU  
MONITORING MISSION EXTENSION

1. Post is authorized to make the following statement at the  
July 30, 2009, meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council in  
Vienna:

Begin text:

Thank you, Madam Chairwoman.

The United States welcomes the extension of the EU Monitoring  
Mission in Georgia for another year. We believe the EUMM is  
doing an excellent job in maintaining stability and we  
strongly support its continued efforts.

The EU,s Monitoring Mission has taken on particular  
significance with the closure of both the OSCE and UN  
Missions in Georgia. Despite the regrettable loss of these  
valuable missions, the United States remains convinced that  
the international community still has a vital role to play in  
restoring security and stability in Georgia. We firmly  
support OSCE, UN, and EU coordination of the Geneva  
discussions, and hope to see concrete progress in future  
meetings.

We strongly support the EU,s efforts to monitor compliance  
with the 12 August and 8 September agreements, and remain  
deeply concerned by the fact that Russia continues to flout  
the provisions of these agreements.

The United States remains committed to peaceful conflict  
resolution, and, like the EU, will continue to support  
Georgia,s sovereignty, independence, and territorial  
integrity within its internationally recognized borders.

Thank you, Madam Chairwoman.  
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